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1. STRUCTURAL CHANGES TO BUILDING WOULD BE PART OF
CONTRACTOR'S WORK AND WE DID NOT PLAN TO DO THEM IN ADVANCE.
NET RESULT OF STRUCTURAL CHANGES WOULD BE TO REDUCE WIDTH
OF COLUMN STRUCTURES FROM 1.6 METERS TO .5 METER. IN
EFFECT, THIS WOULD INCREASE THE WIDTH OF THE CENTER ISLE BY
A LITTLE OVER ONE METER (APPROX. 1.1 METER) AND THE WIDTH
OF THE SIDE ISLES BY HALF A METER. THE EFFECT WOULD BE
EITHER TO PERMIT THE DISPLAY BOOTHS TO BE SET BACK AND
ALLOW FOR WIDER ISLES AND BETTER TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT OR
TO ENLARGE THE SIZE OF THE BOOTHS. A SECOND POSSIBILITY
WOULD BE TO REMOVE EVERY SECOND COLUMN AND STRENGTHEN
THE REMAINING COLUMNS BY TWO SINGLE BEAMS RUNNING
THE LENGTH OF THE BUILDING. THIS WOULD PERMIT DISPLAY
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BOOTHS TO BE SET BACK TO BACK BETWEEN COLUMNS, AGAIN
INCREASING AMOUNT OF USABLE SPACE. WE DECIDED NOT
TO PROCEED WITH THIS WORK UNLESS CONTRACTORS COULD
SHOW SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN NUMBER OF SALABLE BOOTHS.

2. USDOC DESIGN STAFF SHOULD BE AWARE THAT USIS HAS
OFFERED MARS LANDER EXHIBIT FOR THE FAIR AND POST HAS

ACCEPTED. HAVE NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO OBTAIN DIMENSIONS OF THE EXHIBIT, BUT SUGGEST YOU ASK USIA AND PLAN FOR ITS INCLUSION. POST ALSO SUGGESTS DESIGN INCLUDE SOME SORT OF FALSE FRONT OR OTHER FACADE THAT WOULD COVER UGLY GABLES ON FRONT OF PAVILION AND PROVIDE HANDY SURFACE FOR LOGOS AND/OR ADVERTISING. USDOC SHOULD ALSO BE AWARE THAT FAIR AUTHORITIES ARE WILLING TO CUT OR OPEN DOORS ANY PLACE IN THE STRUCTURE, STRUCTURAL MEMBERS PERMITTING. EFFECTIVELY THIS LIMITS WIDTHS OF DOORS TO 3 METERS.

3. RE SETTING DATE FOR BID MEETING: DURING THEROS/MCCAULEY TELECON, THEROS HAD UNDERSTOOD APRIL 18 WAS SATISFACTORY DATE. UNFORTUNATELY, DAMASCUS 1880 INTRODUCED ERROR OF MAY RPT MAY 18 FOR WHICH THEROS APOLOGIES. POST DOES NOT DESIRE TO FORECLOSE USE OF CARLI SYSTEM NOR TO GO OVER BUDGET IN ANY MANNER. WE ARE, HOWEVER, CONCERNED AT CONGESTION IN LATTAKIA HARBOR AND MADE CLEAR TO ALL CONTRACTORS (INCLUDING CARLI) AT APRIL 18 MEETING THAT WE RESERVE OPTION TO CALL FOR NEW BIDS BY MAY 20, USING CARLI SYSTEM. BY THAT TIME WE SHOULD KNOW FOR CERTAIN WHETHER SYSTEM WILL ARRIVE ON TIME AND ITS CONDITION. USDOC REQUESTED POUCH COPIES OF SPECS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION/ INSTALLATION OF THE CARLI SYSTEM DIRECTLY TO ATHENS AND ROME FOR CARLI, GORGAKIS, HELLENIC PROMOTION ORGANIZATION AND K & K KANNAVOS WHO ARE ALL BIDDING AND WHO ARE WILLING TO PROVIDE SECOND BID AS SOON AS SPECS AVAILABLE. THEY TOO AS WELL AS LOCAL CONTRACTORS

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TELL US THAT TIMING IS OF IMPORTANCE DUE TO SHORTAGES OF CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL AND CONSEQUENT DELAYS IN OBTAINING IT.

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